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TO : Chief, Operations School
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FROM : Chief Instructor, Counterespionage
 Operations

SUBJECT: Final Course Report
 Counterespionage Operations No. 6

1. Counterespionage Operations Course No. 6 met during the period 15 October - 2 November 1956. The fifteen students can be classified as follows:

a. By Grade

GS-14 - 1
 GS-13 - 2
 GS-12 - 3
 GS-11 - 5
 GS-9 - 2
 GS-7 - 1
 One Major, U. S. Army

b. By career designation

FI - 6
 PP - 7
 Security - 2

c. By Area Division

FE - 9
 EE - 2
 SR - 1
 NEA - 2
 Security Office - 1

2. Most of the students were very limited in operational and/or CE experience and some had no such experience at all. The instances of misunderstanding or misinterpretation of instructors' and guest lecturers' remarks appeared to be far greater than usual. Every effort was made to clear up misunderstandings which were detected but the general reticence of the group to participate in class discussion left us with a rather uneasy feeling about the possible extent of their misunderstanding. Even in the case of the double agent seminar when they were notified a week in advance that questions would be welcomed, only two students submitted questions and few additional ones were put to the panel during the actual seminar. In his critique one student commented on the seminar as follows: "Could have been better...with better students in the class...."

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3. Student presentations--usually one of the highlights of the course--were generally poor and the personal reaction of the students was unenthusiastic. Some of the students suggested that the instructors select only a few cases to be presented before the class.

4. Our greatest concern was with the apparent lack of seriousness and maturity on the part of the students. The scheduled reading periods were not used to the best advantage, and the students themselves were not a compatible group.

5. Comments by the students on the practical value of the course are set out below:

a. [REDACTED] FE; GS-12: "A very good apercu of CE...."

b. [REDACTED] EE; GS-11: "...I assure you that I am coming away with helpful information, directly related to my career plans."

c. [REDACTED] SR; GS-11: "I felt it was worth absenting myself from the Field...for three weeks to take it...."

d. [REDACTED] FE; GS-13: "This was of particular value to me because of a complete ignorance in all CE matters...."

e. [REDACTED] FE; GS-9: "It will be extremely helpful in my future assignment."

f. [REDACTED] EE; GS-11: "I learned a lot of terms which will be very helpful in carrying out my job. Since I am just starting in CE field, I have overall picture of objectives."

g. [REDACTED] ; FE; GS-7: "Very good. I need the practice in the CE approach."

h. [REDACTED] FE; GS-12: "Good survey for a returnee-- goes a long way toward good orientation at Headquarters level."

i. [REDACTED] FE; GS-11: "Acquired a knowledge of several types of operations I have not encountered...."

j. [REDACTED] FE; GS-11: "I believe I have learned more about CE leads. Need for checking and re-evaluating agent's motivation."

k. [REDACTED] FE; GS-14: "...I have a better insight into the CE picture. I do feel that for real value received the course should be extended into a six weeks course."

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1. [REDACTED] NEA; GS-12: "Very valuable."

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m. [REDACTED] Security Office; GS-13: "Very good--I am glad I had it."

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n. [REDACTED] FE; GS-11: "Again I would like to have gotten more practical applicable (?) techniques...."

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o. [REDACTED] NEA; Major, USA: "Extremely valuable. I learned a lot."

6. As a result of this and previous runnings a meeting is scheduled with the CI Staff for 19 or 20 November to discuss possible revisions in the course in an effort to meet CE training needs more realistically.

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